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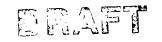
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RESPONSE

paper no. 8, mailed November 8, This is a response to the outstanding of a separate letter to the Draftsperson Two sheets of proposed drawing changes and accompany this response. This response is timely

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-11 remain pending Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

II. Background of The Invention

The present invention is apparatuses and methods for write protection of a disk having a power calibration area. Disks having a power calibration area include, for example, rewritable optical disks such as rewritable compact disks (CD-RW) and digital video disks (DVD). A rewritable optical disk can be erased or written upon by heating and then cooling at a controlled rate the disk medium to effect a phase change. A properly calibrated laser can be used to achieve